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June 30, 2016

Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th St., S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

RE: Connect America Fund, WC Docket No. 10-90; Lifeline and Link Up Reform and Modernization, WC Docket No. 11-42; ETC Annual Reports and Certifications, WC Docket No. 14-58

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On behalf of its affiliated local exchange carriers, (“LECs”), Consolidated Communications Holdings, Inc. (“CCI”) hereby files the annual report and certifications required by sections 54.313(a), 54.313(b)(1), 54.313(b)(2), 54.313(c)(3), 54.313(d), and 54.422 of the Commission’s rules, including rate floor data pursuant to section 54.313(h). CCI encloses FCC Form 481 for the 8 LECs listed on the last page of this cover letter. Also, CCI encloses rate floor certifications for the 5 study areas in which the LEC is receiving high-cost support and have rates below the rate floor.

A copy of the report is also being filed with the Universal Service Administrative Company and each relevant State public service commission in which CCI operates as an ETC.

Portions of this filing are confidential and are being filed separately under confidential seal in accordance with the Federal Communications Commission’s Third Protective Order in the above-captioned Connect America Fund, et al., WC Dockets 10-90, et al., Third Protective Order, DA 12-1418 (Wireline Competition Bur. & Wireless Telecom. Bur., rel. August 30, 2012).

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This filing contains confidential commercially sensitive information on customer information by exchange. CCI requests that all of this confidential information, as indicated on the enclosed documents, be withheld from public inspection.

Confidential treatment is appropriate for the detailed reporting of outages, which includes location, cause, duration and efforts taken to prevent further outages, the number of complaints per 1000, and the rate floor loop counts with the associated regulatory fees. This information is competitively sensitive and is not normally released to the public; release of this information could give CCI's competitors an advantage in the markets described herein. Section 4.2 of the Commission's rules states that reports of service disruptions are "presumed to be confidential", 47 C.F.R. §4.2.

Confidential treatment also is requested for CCI's unfulfilled voice and broadband service requests. This information is competitively sensitive as it may provide an indication of where CCI may target future service expansion. This information is not normally released to the public; release of such sensitive data could give CCI's competitors an advantage in the markets described therein.

In addition, the list of CCI's broadband price offerings is confidential and competitively sensitive. While some broadband price offerings may be publicly available on a targeted and localized basis, CCI has not published a companywide description of its pricing across all markets, as contained in this report. Pricing is a key component of broadband competition and is not normally released to the public on this scale. Release of such sensitive data could give CCI's competitors an advantage in the markets contained herein.

In accordance with the Third Protective Order, CCI's Stamped Confidential Documents have been marked, "CONFIDENTIAL", subject to Third Protective Order in WC DOCKET NOS. 10-90, 07-135, 05-337, 03-109, GN DOCKET NO. 09-51, CC DOCKET NOS. 01-92, 96-45, WT DOCKET NO. 10-208 before the Federal Communications Commission. In addition to the copy provided herewith, two copies of the Stamped Confidential Documents are included for the Wireline Competition Bureau.

CCI also files the redacted versions of each document for each LEC, marked: "REDACTED – FOR PUBLIC INFORMATION," in accordance with the Third Protective Order with the FCC's Electronic Comment Filing System.

Any questions pertaining to this document, please contact Jim DeLoss at 936-521-7737 or jim.deloss@consolidated.com or Elsa Werner at 916-786-1734 or elsa.werner@consolidated.com.

Respectfully,

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CCI Affiliated Local Exchange Carriers:

FCC Form 481:

- Consolidated Communications of Fort Bend Company
- Consolidated Communications of Texas Company
- Consolidated Communications of Pennsylvania Company
- Consolidated Communications of Illinois
- Consolidated Communications of California
- Consolidated Communications of Minnesota
- Consolidated Communications of Mid-Comm
- SureWest Televideo

Rate Floor Certifications:

- Consolidated Communications of Texas Company
- Consolidated Communications of Pennsylvania Company
- Consolidated Communications of Minnesota
- Consolidated Communications of Mid-Comm
- Consolidated Communications of Iowa